

(c) whether the government of Kerala has submitted any request to the Union Government to review its decision and restore the institute at Trivandrum;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government Body of the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha (CCRAS) had set up a sub-committee under the Chairmanship of the then Secretary, Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, to review the functioning of the CCRAS and to recommend restructuring and reorganisation because the present number of field stations, i.e. 86 has become rather unwieldy to manage from the point of view of their locations, supervision, control, etc. Many units are non-functional due to inadequate infrastructural support. Many are not cost effective. Based on the recommendations of the Committee as accepted by the Governing Body and by the Government the above mentioned decision was taken.

It is proposed to shift the Regional Research Institute (Ayurveda), Trivendrum except its drug Standardisation Division to the Central Research Institute, Cheruthuruthy. It is proposed to amalgamate the Drug Standardisation Division of R.R.I., Trivendrum with the Central Research Institute (Siddha), Chennai.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, a request from the Honourable Chief Minister of Kerala was received for retaining the Regional Research Institute (Ayurveda), Trivendrum at its existing place.

(e) The implementation of the proposed reorganisation and restructuring of the Council has been stayed by the High Court at Chennai.

#### **Additional Budgetary Support for Power Sector**

155. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Ministry has sought an additional budgetary support of Rs. 12.154 crore for the Ninth Five Year Plan over and above the allocation already contemplated by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith funds already allocated by the Planning Commission for Power sector for the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether the Government have agreed to provide additional funds as required by the Power Ministry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d) The Ninth Plan is under finalisation by the Planning Commission. The Ministry of Power has proposed a Domestic Budgetary Support (DBS) of around Rs. 13.800 crores for the Ninth Plan for the following reasons:—

- (i) To accelerate the generation programme in Central/State Sector.
- (ii) To complete on-going thermal and hydro projects in the Central Sector.
- (iii) To undertake renovation and modernisation of existing power stations.
- (iv) To construct important inter-State and inter-regional links.
- (v) To undertake advance action on thermal and hydel power projects for commissioning in the Tenth Plan and beyond.

At a review meeting taken by the Prime Minister it has been decided that very high priority will be given for funds allocation to the power sector.

[*Translation*]

#### **Hydro Power Generation**

156. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have assessed the hydro power generation potential in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any target has been fixed for hydro power generation in the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the schemes proposed to be launched for this purpose, State-wise; and

(e) details of participation of the Union/State Governments and private sector therein separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE

OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) Central Electricity Authority has assessed the economically exploitable hydroelectric potential available in the country as 84.044 MW at 60% load factor.

(c) and (d) The 9th Five Year Plan (1997-2002) for power sector is under finalisation in the Planning Commission.

(e) Since the inception of the private sector power policy of the Government of India in 1991, proposals have been received for setting up 11 Hydro Electric Power Projects on the Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Intent etc., route (costing more than Rs. 100 Crores) and 10 schemes (costing more than Rs. 1000 crores) on the international competitive bidding route. The aforementioned 21 schemes have an aggregate capacity of 10970 MW at an estimated cost of Rs. 37141.23 crores are shown in the statement attached.

### STATEMENT

*Expression of Interests by Private Sector Companies (As on 07.11.1997)*

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Capacity [MW]	Prov. Cost [Rs. Crs.]	Type	MOU Date	CEA Clea- rance	Name of Company
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>							
1.	Sawalkot	3x200	2000.000	Hydel			Under Bidding
2.	Pakaldul HEP	1000	2000.000	Hydel			Under Bidding
3.	Burser HEP	1020	2000.000	Hydel			Under Bidding
4.	Kishenganga	3x110	1000.000	Hydel			Under Bidding
Total	4	2950	7000.000				
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>							
5.	Dhamwari HEP	70	385.000	Hydel	28.08.93	IPC	M/s Dhamwari Power Co., USA
6.	Hibra HEP	231	1162.910	Hydel	28.08.93	IPC	Dhambari Power Co. Pvt. Ltd.
7.	Baspa-St-II	300	949.230	Hydel	23.11.92	TEC	Jai Prakash Industries Ltd.
8.	Uhl-III HEP	2x50	469.300	Hydel	10.02.92	IPC	Ballarpur Industries Ltd., Delhi
9.	Karcham Wangtoo	1000	4397.000	Hydel	28.08.93	IPC	Jai Prakash Industries Ltd.
10.	Allain-Duhangan	192	777.190	Hydel	28.08.93	IPC	Rajasthan Spinning & Weaving Mills Ltd.
11.	Malana HEP	86	380.000	Hydel	28.08.93	IPC	Rajasthan Spinning & Weaving Mills Ltd.
12.	Kol Dam	800	2800.000	Hydel			Under Bidding
13.	Rampur	680	2380.000	Hydel			Under Bidding
Total	9	3459	13700.630				

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>							
14.	Vishnuprayag HEP	4x100	1614.600	Hydel	14.10.92	TEC	Jai Prakash Industries Ltd.
15.	Tapovan Vishnugad HEP	360	1260.000	Hydel			Under Bidding
16.	Paia Maneri HEP	460	1610.000	Hydel			Under Bidding
17.	Srinagar HEP	5x66	1510.000	Hydel	27.08.94	IPC	M/s Duncan, Calcutta/Synergics, USA
18.	Maneri Bhali-II HEP	304	1064.000	Hydel			Under Bidding
Total	5	1854	7058.600				
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>							
19.	Maheshwar HEP	10x40	1582.000	Hydel	28.07.93	TEC	Shri Maheshwar Hydel Power Corpn. Ltd./PAC Gen., USA
Total	1	400	1582.000				
<b>Karnataka</b>							
20.	Almati N. Thanmakal	1107	3600.000	Hydel	15.07.92	IPC	M/s Chamundi Power Co. Ltd., USA
Total	1	1107	3600.000				
<b>Sikkim</b>							
21.	Teesta-III	1200	4200.000	Hydel			Under Bidding
Total	1	1200	4200.000				
G.Total	21	10970.00	37141.230				

[English]

157. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK :  
SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reduce retirement period from 20 years to 15 years of service for Government employees under voluntary retirement scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMANIYAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Dulhasti Power Project

158. SHRI K.S. RAYUDU : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state: